

## City Manager's



### Weekly Update Friday, February 29, 2008

#### Notes of interest:

**Earmark requests:** The City sent U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney three requests for earmarks in the 2009 federal fiscal year, in addition to the previous requests submitted through SJCOG to fund improvements along Highway 12 and the Harney Lane/Highway 99 interchange. The other requests: \$2 million to replace the aging radio equipment that will become obsolete in 2013, when the FCC will require public safety agencies to move to a different frequency band; \$850,000 for library improvements; and \$250,000 to buy a bullet-proof police vehicle that could be used by other police agencies in the region.

**A new record:** Western Water Constructors broke the company's record for the longest slip-liner installed from a single launch pit last week. Western Water installed 2,900 linear feet of 42-inch diameter pipe at the eastern end of the wastewater transmission line, pushing it upstream toward Lower Sacramento Road from southwest of the Van Ruiten Winery. The work crew pushed 400 feet on Tuesday, 800 feet on Wednesday, and the remaining 1,700 feet on Thursday. Some video of the installation is on Dan Thigpen's blog at recordnet.com.

**Century Meadows dedication:** The City will be dedicating Century Meadows Park the evening of April 9. A plaque has been ordered and departments are preparing exhibits to make it a fun and educational outing.

**FEMA press conference:** The city participated in a press briefing in Stockton on Thursday regarding FEMA's proposed flood insurance maps and the county's flood evacuation maps. Public Works Director Richard Prima got some face time on Channel 10's lead story for the 5 p.m. news regarding the effort by Lodi to convince FEMA to modify the maps.

**Courting by the court:** Bill Murray, San Joaquin County Superior Court's presiding judge, meets next week with city staff to inquire about the availability of L-1 for a month-long jury trial. That request may conflict with the city's need to begin renovations in the building to accommodate the Finance Department. The City is willing to work with the court on this request, but doesn't want to delay construction any longer.

**Sandhill Crane Festival:** Festival organizers have requested a meeting with City staff regarding the festival's future. The Lodi Chamber of Commerce is pulling back support, citing volunteer fatigue.

**Ugly brown foam:** The switch from chlorine-based disinfection to UV light results in far fewer chemicals needed to treat wastewater at White Slough, but it has a drawback – heavy foaming in aeration basins that makes managing the process a little more difficult. The amount of foam seems to depend on the temperature and time of year. The City purchased a polymer intended to counteract the effect of the foaming in the treatment process.

**State's financial troubles:** The first known direct impact on the City's budget could be in the Police Department if the State adopts the cost-cutting plan offered by the

Legislative Analyst's Office. Total potential impact: \$431,900. The LAO recommends shifting supervision of parolees to county probation departments, and using Prop. 172 funds currently provided to cities to pay for the County's costs. Lodi receives \$310,000 from Prop. 172. Also, the COPS grant program, worth \$121,900 this year to Lodi, also would be stripped.